

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT – COUNTY OF TOLLAND INCORPORATED

## TOWN OF ELLINGTON

## **Human Services Commission**

55 MAIN STREET – PO BOX 187 ELLINGTON, CONNECTICUT 06029-0187 HOCINE BAOUCHE
YALE CANTOR
TERESA CAVANAGH
HELEN FILLORAMO
SUSAN HANNIGAN
ANNE NICKERSON
RICHARD PETRUCCI

## HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION Monday, November 10, 2014 Minutes of the Meeting

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Sue Stack, at 6:05 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Yale Cantor, Sue Stack. Helen Filloramo, Teresa Cavanagh, Sue Hannigan, Richard Petrucci, Hocine Baouche

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motioned (Y. Cantor), Seconded (R. Petrucci) and passed by those present to accept the minutes of the October 20, 2014 meeting.

PRESENTATION OF GUEST SPEAKER: Lynn Sherman is the Manager of Tri-County ARC, which serves the Windham, Tolland and Hartford Counties. They are a nonprofit agency who provides services to intellectually and developmentally disabled individuals. While their main office is based in Columbia, they have a Day Program in Ellington and are looking for our support in order to be able to continue with their music therapy program.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Operation Fuel received a technology grant and they are waiting for a laptop and printer/scanner that are on backorder. These will be distributed to participating fuel banks.

Food Services at the Senior Center are in need of a computer and printer in order to better track their food costs.

Thanksgiving drop-off and pick-up is next week.

Thanksgiving lunch at the Senior Center is November 19 and the Ellington Housing Authority luncheon will be Thursday.

The cut-off for Christmas gift baskets is November 21.

The Senior Center craft bazaar was last week and was a great success. The Flu Clinic at the Senior Center was October 22 and there were 45 participants. They will be exploring new ways of getting more participants for next year (e.g. Health Fair).

Arbor Commons Building Expansion Update: By the next Human Services meeting in January everything will be complete.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Doris and Erin met with the Public Works director concerning the Senior Center parking lot. The handicap spots have been moved to directly in front of the building and the curb has been cut in the center island to allow direct access to the front door from the center parking lot area. A request has been made for the edges of the curb to be painted at the walkway so that it is easily visible at night.

The generator and gas conversion are the next priorities for the Senior Center. After that they can explore additional parking options and enlarging the patio in the rear of the building.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Letters and applications are going out to contract agencies and we will begin budget discussions at the January meeting. We will discuss a possible April meeting with the Ellington Housing Authority concerning senior housing in town.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motioned (Y. Cantor), Seconded (R. Petrucci) and passed by all those present to adjourn at 7:03 P.M.

Submitted by,

Teresa Cavanagh Secretary